



Standards & Assessment

CELDT Notes

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Upcoming Release of the 2008-09 Annual Assessment Results

The California Department of Education (CDE) will release the preliminary 2008-09 Annual Assessment (AA) results in May 2009. The Explaining Summary Results 2008-09 document will be posted in late April. Local educational agencies (LEAs) will have an opportunity to preview their results on DataQuest the week before the actual release to the public. An e-mail will be sent to the designated CELDT District Coordinator with the Web link and password to the preview site.

Contract Transitions in 2009

The transition between CTB/McGraw-Hill (CTB) and the new CELDT contractor, Educational Data Systems, is underway. The subcontractors working with Educational Data Systems on CELDT include the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), MetriTech, Inc., and Kornerstone Technologies (KST).

- The Center for Student Assessment and Program Accountability at SCOE provides the coordination of workshops and scoring training for the CELDT.

- MetriTech, Inc. provides the item and test development activities, open-ended item scoring, and technical analysis related to scoring and reporting the CELDT.

- KST operates the CELDT customer support center.

To obtain information related to ordering 2009-10 test materials, *CELDT Live!* presentations, Scoring Training of Trainers (STOT) workshops, return of 2009-10 tests for processing or to report a security breach in the 2009-10 tests of student data, visit Educational Data Systems' new CELDT Web site at www.celdt.org (Outside Source), call 1-866-850-1039, or e-mail at support@celdt.org.

For questions related to obtaining 2008-09 Edition test materials, shipping student tests to CTB for processing, and receiving reports and data files for all testing that occurs through June 30, 2009, contact CTB by phone at 1-800-944-8594 or by e-mail at ctbceldthelpdesk@ctb.com.

Kindergarten – Grade 1 Early Literacy Assessment

The newly developed K-1 early literacy assessment questions were field tested in 60 schools representing 37 districts from

March 16-20, 2009. The field test design includes four test forms (each with 20 questions: 10 reading and 10 writing). Schools that participated in the field test encompassed the geographic, school district size, and primary language diversity of the state.

The first K-1 reading and writing operational test form will be administered starting July 1, 2009. Only in 2009-10 will K-1 reading and writing test questions be contained in a separate test form from the K-1 listening and speaking. In 2010-11, the K-1 test materials will integrate all four domains into one examiner's manual. Educational Data Systems will also conduct a standard setting in early 2010 to recommend K-1 reading and writing performance levels. It is anticipated that the performance levels will go to the State Board of Education (SBE) for review and approval in May 2010.

CELDT Live! WebEx Series

Educational Data Systems provides monthly online trainings called *CELDT Live!* using WebEx technology.

These online sessions provide the CELDT District Coordinators with important detailed information and practical topics related to administering the CELDT. *CELDT Live!* will cover topics, such as ordering test materials, submitting Pre-ID files, receiving test materials, packing and shipping tests for processing, using the local scoring tool (formerly e-TIP), and making data corrections.

The first *CELDT Live!* 1A was a success with nearly 250 participants joining the WebEx on March 17. The focus was on ordering the 2009-10 test materials. The *CELDT Live!* WebEx 1A archive is now posted and can be accessed by visiting <http://www.celdt.org/workshops/live/>

(Outside Source). Visit the CELDT Web page at <http://www.celdt.org/workshops> (Outside Source) for more information on registering, and for a list of dates and upcoming events.

- April 14, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. – *CELDT Live!*
1B: K-1 Early Literacy Assessment
- May 12, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. – *CELDT Live!*
1C: Test Administration, Test Coordinator's Manual
- June 9, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. – *CELDT Live!*
1D: Online Pre-ID System
- July 14, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. – *CELDT Live!*
1E: Packing and Shipping Test Materials

Scoring Training of Trainers Workshops for the 2009-10 CELDT Edition

All CELDT District Coordinators are required to participate in scoring training workshops. The Scoring Training of Trainers workshops, formerly called Pre-Administration Workshops, are scheduled to begin in late April. Twenty workshops will be held across California from April 30 through June 12, 2009. There will be four make-up workshops provided beginning in late July to early August. For more information, or to register for trainings in your area, visit <http://www.celdt.org/workshops/scoring> (Outside Source). The number of seats per LEA is limited and is based on the number of schools in each district. However, if space is available you will be placed on a waiting list and contacted as soon as you are able to register additional staff.

More Information...

Additional information about the CELDT is available on the CELDT Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/el/> or on Educational Data Systems' new CELDT Web site at www.celdt.org (Outside Source), or by phone at 1-866-850-1039, or by e-mail at support@celdt.org.